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# Feudalism, Worksheet - 1

## Answer the questions below -

1. Why were towns located near waterways in medieval Europe?
2. Explain the hierarchy of the medieval social structure in terms of the different groups and what roles they had.
3. Give at least three ways the medieval church held power in the middle ages.
4. Why would someone want to become a member of a guild?
5. How did the treatment of accused criminals change from the early middle ages to the 1100's?
6. What happened at the Battle of Hastings in 1066?
7. Why was William the Conqueror's rule in England important to English history?
8. What is the meaning of the "divine right of kings"?
9. What are the three main reasons for the decline of Feudalism in Europe, and how did each contribute to the decline?
10. Explain the difference between the manor system and the feudal system.



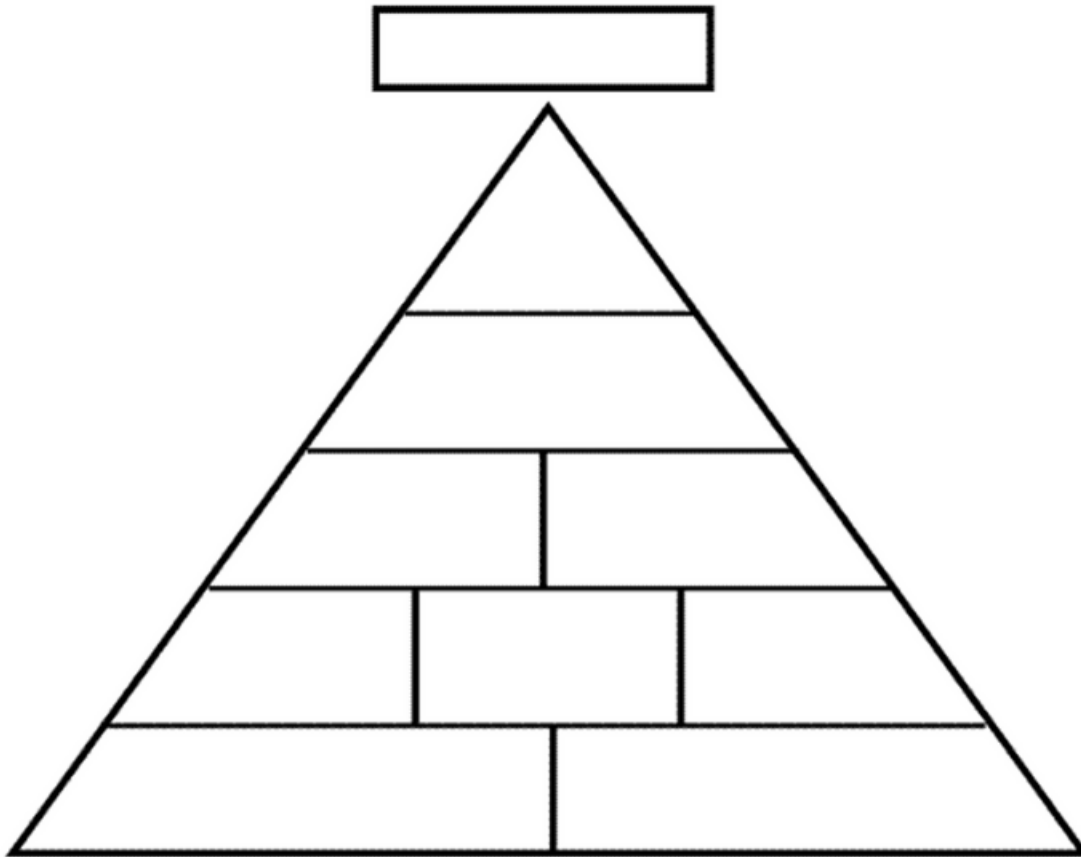
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## Feudalism, Worksheet - 2

Fit the following roles into the appropriate place on the Pyramid of Power for a Feudal Kingdom in Medieval Europe:

Vassals      Merchants      Monarch      Nobles      Craftsmen  
Peasants      Serfs      Farmers      Pope/Church      Knights



**Directions: Circle the word that best completes each sentence:**

1. The (lady, monarch, serf) was the supreme ruler at the top of the feudalism social structure.
2. A (knight, serf, lady) was someone who farmed the land owned by the lords.
3. A man who devoted his life to religion was called a (monk, nun, monarch).
4. A trained warrior in the third level in the feudalism pyramid was called a (knight, monarch, lord).
5. Define Feudalism: \_\_\_\_\_